

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **HB 3842 - SB 3938**

March 6, 2008

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires any patient receiving more than one prescription of any psychotropic medication for more than six weeks in duration from a non-psychiatrist prescriber to also undergo either a comprehensive psychological examination or a course of short-term psychological treatment in order to continue to receive the psychotropic medication from the non-psychiatrist prescriber.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$358,600**

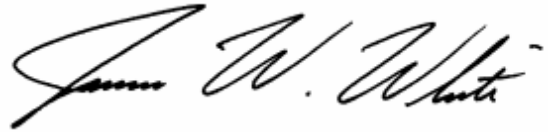
**Other Fiscal Impact – Increase Federal Expenditures –  
Exceeds \$641,400**

#### **Assumptions:**

- According to the Bureau of TennCare, the top three most costly anti-psychotic medications represented more than \$82,000,000 in FY 2006.
- TennCare estimates that the provisions of the bill will result in increased utilization for a more expensive group of providers because there will be a shift of enrollees who are currently receiving psychotropic medication from a non-psychiatrist prescriber to a psychiatrist.
- Enrollees who choose to undergo either a comprehensive psychological examination or a course of short-term psychological treatment for the continuation of their current medications will incur an increase in expenditures for additional treatment that is currently not utilized.
- The increase in expenditures is reasonably estimated to exceed \$1,000,000.
- Of this amount, \$358,620 will be state funds at a rate of 35.862 percent and \$641,380 will be federal funds at a 64.138 percent match rate.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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